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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - ORAKZAI VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. SUMMARY. ORAKZAI SPENT MAY 6-12 IN WASHINGTON SHARING HIS IDEAS FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL IN PAKISTAN WITH STATE, AID, BNDD, AND INTERPOL OFFICIALS. HE REPORTED SOME PROGRESS AND SOME SET BACKS IN ORGANIZATION OF CONTROL EFFORT. REITERATED GOP DETERMINATION TO MOVE URGENTLY ON NARCOTICS, BUT DEPARTED DISAPPOINTED THAT CONCRETE ASSISTANCE OFFERS
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WERE NOT MADE TO HIM. END SUMMARY.

2. PROGRAM. ORAKZAI ARRIVED WASHINGTON MAY 6. HE SPENT ALL DAY MAY 8 IN STATE/ AID WHERE HE SAW AMBASSADOR HANDLEY,

NOZIGLIA OF IO, CORR OF AID, LAINGIAN AND OTHERS IN PAB AND WAS HOSTED TO LUNCH BY RODGER DAVIES. CALLED ON CONGRESSMEN HORTEN (R. NY) AND STEEL (R. CONN) AND WAS HONORED GUEST AT LUNCH GIVEN BY ECONOMIC MINISTER MUFTI WHERE HE MET MYLES AMBROSE AND AGAIN SPOKE WITH HANDLEY, DAVIES AND OTHERS. ON MAY 10 HE MET WITH TOM PETERS OF OMB, LUNCHEDED WITH DIRECTOR INGERSOLL OF BNDD, SPENT DAY WITH BNDD OFFICIALS AND WAS GIVEN DINNER BY BELK OF BNDD. ORAKZAI SPENT FRUITFUL DAY AT BNDD INFORMING HIMSELF ON BNDD METHODS AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND HOLDING TALKS WITH OFFICERS IN DIVISIONS OF ENFORCEMENT,

STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRAINING. MAY 11, HE SAW INTERPOL AND HAD FINAL MEETING WITH STATE AND AID OFFICERS.

3. ON PAKISTAN NARCOTICS PLANNING, ORAKZAI REPORTED:

A. SURVEYS OF POPPY CULTIVATION WERE NOT TAKEN FUNDING ON TIME, HENCE " ENTIRE YEAR LOST".

B. GOP HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHEN TO END PRODUCTION IN SETTLED AREAS.

C. GOP HAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE TO AUCTION LICENSES FOR OPIUM STORES.

D. HE HAS ASKED UNFDAC TO CONSIDER ORGANIZING PROGRAM FOR PAKISTAN, AND AUTHORIZED US TO GIVE UNFDAC COPIES OF U. S. TEAM" S REPORT ON PAKISTAN.

E. ORAKZAI WILL RECOMMEND THAT GOP MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC.

F. ORAKZAI IS OPTIMISTIC THAT SOMETHING CAN BE DONE IN TRIBAL AREAS. HE WAS CRITICAL OF OTHER GOP OFFICIALS WHO ALWAYS SAY NOTHING CAN BE DONE IN TRIBAL AREAS, WHEN NO ONE HAVE EVER TRIED.

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G. HE TOLD AMBASSADOR HANDLEY THAT GOP OBJECTIVE IS ELIMINATION OF OPIUM PRODUCTION, AND TOLD LAINGEN THAT HE THOUGHT IT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IN FIVE OR SIX YEARS.

4. THEMES. THROUGHOUT HIS VISIT ORAKZAI REPEATED SEVERAL THEMES WHICH ILLUSTRATE HIS UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEM AND MEANS OF GETTING AT IT:

A. THE GOP, HE SAID, HAS EMBARKED ON A PROGRAM FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL " PURELY BECAUSE OF ITS CONCERN FOR AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP." OPIUM IS NOT SOCIAL PROBLEM FOR

PAKISTAN AT THIS POINT. PAKISTAN IS COOPERATING BECAUSE OF U. S. FRIENDSHIP, BUT IS NOT MOTIVATED BY SMALL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE THAT MIGHT BE OFFERED.

B. ORAKZAI MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES HIS CONCERN ABOUT INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKERS GETTING INTO PAKISTAN, NOTING THAT THERE ALREADY IS SOME " ITALIAN" INVOLVEMENT, THEME WHICH HE ALSO USED IN INTERVIEW WITH SIMONS WHICH APPEARED IN FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN WASHINGTON POST MAY 14.

C. ORAKZAI SAID PROBLEM IS URGENT. HE KEPT SAYING HE WANTS TO " GET ON WITH IT", NOT DO MORE PLANNING AND MORE TALKING. HE NEEDS RESOURCES. DEMAND FOR OPIUM IS GROWING DAILY.

D. UNFIDAC PROJECT GETTING UNDERWAY IN AFGHANISTAN WILL DRIVE CULTIVATION ACROSS BORDER INTO PAKISTAN UNLESS RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNDERTAKEN IN PAKISTAN SOON.

E. ORAKZAI SEVERAL TIMES MENTIONED HIS PLAN FOR 49 STRIKE FORCE UNITS, AND IN MAY 10 MEETING WITH PETERS, FLOATED PROPOSAL FOR ABOUT DOLLARS 900,000 FOR ENFORCEMENT, AND DOLLARS 10 MILLION FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. ENFORCEMENT PACKAGE LOOKED VERY MUCH LIKE DRAFT GIVEN TO EMBASSY EARLIER, ALTHOUGH IN OTHER MEETINGS ORAKZAI MENTIONED LOWERING THE INITIAL NUMBER OF SQUADS TO 20 OR 25. STRIKE SQUADS WOULD BE COMPOSED OF OFFICERS FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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INDIVIDUAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY OWN AGENCIES. CONTROL BOARD WOULD PROCURE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING FOR STRIKE SQUADS. PRESUMABLY FROM AMERICAN AID.

5. USG POSITION. ORAKZAI WAS ASSURED THAT PAKISTAN COULD EXPECT U. S. ASSISTANCE. HE WAS TOLD WE WOULD BE GLAD TO CONSIDER REQUESTS THAT THE GOP PRESENTED IN SPECIFIC TERMS BUT ONLY IN THE CONTEXT OF EFFECTIVE PLAN FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL. ORAKZAI WAS ALSO ASSURED AT EACH MEETING OF THE CONTINUING USG PRIORITY TO NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAMS.

6. ASSESSMENT. ON BALANCE, VISIT WAS USEFUL IN BRINGING PAKISTAN CASE TO ATTENTION OF WASHINGTON AGENCIES. ORAKZAI MADE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF MAN DETERMINED TO GET ACTION. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH APPOINTMENTS HERE AND WITH HEARING HE RECEIVED FROM SENIOR USG OFFICIALS. NEVERTHELESS, ORAKZAI LEFT IN AN UNHAPPY MOOD, TIRED, SLIGHTLY ILL, AND APPARENTLY DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE PROMISES OF AMOUNT OF AID USG WOULD PROVIDE TO HIM. WE TOLD HIM WE WOULD CONSIDER WHAT WE MIGHT DO WHEN WE HAVE SEEN HIS PLANS. HE SAID HE WILL

COMPLETE HIS PLANS WHEN HE KNOWS WHAT RESOURCES WILL BE AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION, HOWEVER, ORAKZAI APPARENTLY BELIEVED THAT THE LIST HE EARLIER GAVE TO US INFORMALLY HAD BEEN TAKEN UP BY QAMARUL ISLAM WHEN HE WAS HERE. ORAKZAI SEEMS TO HAVE EXPECTED THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO UNDERWRITE THAT LIST OR SOME SPECIFIC PART OF IT. HE SEEMED TO FEEL THAT HIS VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE OF RETURN TRIP OF SMALL US TEAM TO ISLAMABAD, ALTHOUGH AGREED WITH SOME ANNOYANCE THAT US TEAM MIGHT RETURN. WE ASSURED HIM

THAT WE HAVE NO DESIRE SENT TEAM IF NOT NEEDED, BUT CONTINUED TO PRESS FOR MORE DETAILS PLAN OF OPERATIONS.
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